

Chapter 5 Shoreline Goals

Shoreline Use Element

Shoreline Use Goal: Provide for reasonable and appropriate use of shoreline and adjacent land areas while recognizing and protecting private property rights consistent with the public interest, protecting against adverse effects to the public health, the land and its vegetation and wildlife, and the waters of the state and their aquatic life; minimizing damage to the ecology, environment, and other resources of the shoreline area; and minimizing any interference with the public's use of the water.

Economic Development Element

Economic Development Goal: Provide for economically productive industrial and commercial uses that are particularly dependent on shoreline location or use and that will support the local economy and foster healthy, orderly economic growth.

Public Access Element

Public Access Goal: Provide, protect, and enhance physical and visual public access to shorelines, the waters they encompass, and adjacent shoreline areas, consistent with the natural character, features, and resources of the shoreline, private property rights, and public safety.

Recreation Element

Recreation Goal: Provide for the preservation and enlargement of public and private recreational use of shorelines and the waters they encompass for both active and passive recreation in areas that will be able to accommodate such uses now and in the future without net loss of shoreline functions, and where recreational use is compatible with adjacent uses.

Circulation Element

Transportation Goal: Provide a safe, reasonable, and adequate traffic circulation system, designed to have the least possible adverse effect on shoreline resources, and where feasible that contributes to the functional and visual enhancement of those resources.

Conservation Element

Conservation Goal: Preservation and restoration of natural resources of shorelines and the waters they encompass, and protection of those resources against adverse impacts, including loss of ecological functions necessary to sustain the natural resources.

Historic, Cultural, Scientific, and Educational Element

Historic, Cultural, Scientific, and Educational Goal: Identify and protect important archaeological, historical, and cultural structures, sites, and areas and other resources having historic, cultural, or educational values that are located in the shoreline area for educational, scientific, and enjoyment uses of the general public.

Flood Protection Element

Flood Protection Goal: Minimize flood damage in shoreline areas and associated waters, including damage resulting from actions outside shoreline areas.